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**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by deleting the original abstract and inserting the following new abstract as page 16:

**Abstract**

Crosslinking agent for heat-curable carboxyl-containing polymers, in particular for systems containing carboxyl-terminated polyesters, carboxyl-containing acrylate and/or methacrylate polymers, which crosslinking agent consists of at least one cyclocarbonate group-containing isocyanurate compound into which at least one catalyst has been incorporated in dissolved or dispersed form prior to the crosslinking reaction, and heat-curable systems containing such a crosslinking agent, in particular paint systems and powder coating compositions.

Please replace paragraph "b)" on page 11 with the following new paragraph:

b) The powder coating formulations B, D, E and G listed in Table 1 are prepared in analogy to Example [[1a]] 2a. The stoving conditions, coating thickness and properties of the coatings are also listed in Table 2, under B, D, E, and G, respectively. Additional properties are compiled in Table 3.